

## **REMARKS**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the recent telephone interview. Claims 17 - 32 have been proposed by the Applicant in the case, and were presented for consideration in applicant's Amendment of February 19, 2009. Claims 17 to 29 are shown in US 2007/0098867 A1. Claim 30 was presented in applicant's Amendment of March 26, 2007. See US Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0098867 A1 Para. {0016} for support of Claim 31, and Para. {0018} for support of Claim 32. Claims 1 - 16 were cancelled.

In response to the Office Communication of 04/02/2009, attached please find a complete listing of all of the Claims 17 - 32 in ascending order, and provided with the proper status identifier.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw or modify the requirement for Election/Restriction and to allow all claims 17 through 32. In the event only the claims in Group II, which were elected by the Applicant are approved by the Examiner, then applicant solicits the Examiner to approve the combination of Group II claims, Group III claims, Claim 31, and Claim 32.

All of the claims include the same special technical feature i.e. a novel synergistic mixture of Sucralose powder and Lo Han Kuo powder. This feature links the claims and thereby constitutes a single general inventive concept.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice Of Allowance be issued in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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